

## MINOR MICHIGAN MATTERS.

There is a little diphtheria at St. Johns.

L. E. Phelps, an old resident of Hudson, was buried on Sunday.

The stage between Petoskey and Charlevoix will be warmed by a stove.

Mr. Clemens wants street cars. Many in Grand Rapids evidently do not.

A Detroit street car driver says he drives eighty-four miles a day for \$1.50.

Since Dr. Reynolds' arrival in Muskegon over 300 have signed the red ribbon pledge.

John Murphy, 66 years old, residing in Arbutus, has husked 200 bushels of corn this fall.

George M. Clark was ordained as minister of the Congregational Church of Ionia on Tuesday.

Gas at Muskegon has had a fall. The price has been reduced ten per cent since November.

Five hundred dollars' worth of new books has been ordered for the Battle Creek Public Library.

An all-selling-house at Rochester was burned to the ground on Tuesday. Loss covered by insurance.

The Smith-Middleings Purifier is the only Jackson firm reporting an exhibit at the New Orleans exposition.

Houghton has a good waterworks system now and wants the insurance companies to come down with their rates.

Congressman Breittling is trying to get \$70,000 more for Marquette's public building, which has already \$100,000.

A man in Muskegon was arrested Saturday for shooting his revolver at a dog. At his trial the jury acquitted him.

The annual meeting of the Washtenaw Agricultural and Horticultural Society was held at Ann Arbor Tuesday afternoon.

The life-saving station at East Tawas closed Tuesday night, and the storm signal station closed yesterday. The lake is open.

Not content with showing a white elephant on skates, a proprietor of a Kalamazoo rink exhibited ghosts and goblins on rollers last evening.

Muskegon is dissatisfied with the salary which its postmaster receives as compared with that of the postmasters of Lansing and Kalamazoo.

A force of 400 men, all told, is employed in the Vermilion mines this winter, and they are taking out ore at the rate of about 15,000 tons a month.

There is to be considerable curtailment in logging operations this winter. One firm in Saginaw will reduce their output from 12,000 to 5,000 cords.

Tort Huron's test oil well near F. L. Well's small, has been sunk to a depth of 630 feet, and no signs of oil have been seen. Next spring the prospectors will drill for salt.

Fred Weber, an apprentice in the Kalamazoo Publishing Company's press room, was presented \$100 in gold by the proprietor the other day as a reward for faithfulness.

The annual meeting of the 6th District Press Association for the election of officers will be held at Owosso on Dec. 20. L. E. Hovey, of the Lansing Journal, is president.

A marriage girl bet thirty-eight kisses on the result of the election and lost. She declares there shall be a fair count, if she has to go over them a dozen times.—Marshall Statesman.

Hon. John P. Cook died at his home in Hillsdale late Monday evening, aged 73 years. Mr. Cook was one of the pioneers of Hillsdale county, and one of the founders of the city of Hillsdale.

Reports to the Michigan Board of Health show rheumatism, neuralgia, bronchitis, and intermittent fever, diseases in the order named as causing the most sickness in Michigan during the week ending Dec. 13.

Begle might be allowed to visit the World's fair at New Orleans if he will promise not to attempt a speech while there, as the Governor of Michigan. The state is expected to stand everything.—Ovid Union.

At the old Quinnesec mine the vein is widening steadily as the miners follow it up. An increased force has been put on, and the prospect that the mine will be again in the list of active producers next season is most encouraging.

Thomas Jones and his son Frank, of Marine City, started down the St. Clair river Saturday night on a raft. As they had no light they were struck by the steamer Idlewild and cast into the stream. They were saved by the crew.

John Orniston, a farmer of Gaines township, Genesee county, has been put in jail at Flint, charged with outraging a neighbor's daughter, named Alice Walters, at her father's home Monday, while the rest of the family were absent.

A hardware and grocery store at Ionia was burglarized on Saturday night. Two men by the names of William Hess and Amos Hubbard were arrested and confessed their guilt. A third party was arrested, but has not confessed.

The Cornum Journal says: If the Cornum mines turn out as expected, when the vein of coal is reached, a large flow of miners to this section is talked of. Real estate owners are confident of a boom shortly, if everything turns out right.

The Agricultural Society of Clinton county met at the Court House in St. Johns Wednesday afternoon, and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President, Geo. C. Whitcomb; Secretary, Merrett Frink; Treasurer, Edwin Brown.

This new opera house recently erected in East Saginaw at a cost of \$75,000, was formally dedicated Tuesday evening by Mrs. Jamish in "Leonore," who played to \$9,000. The event was the most brilliant in the history of the Saginaw Valley.

Cassopolis has all been torn up for several days by a scandal in high life, which culminated Tuesday by the binding over to the court of the defendant, George B. Bloodgood. W. D. Shelby, a druggist, charged Bloodgood with seducing his wife on the evenings of Dec. 5 and 6.

At the annual meeting of the Grand Traverse County Agricultural Society at Traverse City the following officers were elected: President, H. K. Brinkman; Vice President, W. F. Hannaford; Secretary, M. L. Leach; Treasurer, V. E. Holland; Directors, G. W. Harrington, W. H. Fife, H. E. Steward, W. S. Chandler.

The Postoffice Department has discontinued the following services: Clom, Genesee county, from East Thetford; Cooley, Huron county, from Huron City. The following changes in routes have just been made: Route 24, 26—Benoma to Bear Lake. 1. Modify order of July 13, 1883, so as to add "decrease distance two miles." 2. From August 27, 1884, omit the supply of Grange, decrease distance two miles.

The following verdicts have been given in the Oakland Circuit Court: Crosby v. Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Railway, verdict for plaintiff for \$100 damages for running over and killing plaintiff's horse; Cooley v. Dawson, slander, verdict for plaintiff and \$100 damages; Knox v. Kier, slander, verdict for plaintiff and six cents damages; Wall v. Mathews, verdict for plaintiff, \$1,250 damages and \$50 costs.

A correspondent of the Muskegon Chronicle thinks the City Attorney of that city has made a mistake in himself. He says: "At the last meeting of the city Council the bids for electric signs were acted upon. J. W. Parrish's bid was the lowest, but it was rejected for the reason that the City Attorney pronounced the bonds illegally drawn up. He went so far as to say that they were not good, as a piece of white paper. The fact is, the bonds were made out at his office and fifty cents was charged for making them."

## THE DEADLY CACTUS.

Remarkable Case of a Kansas Lady—Accidentally Getting the Barbed Stems of the Plant Into Her Flesh They Grow and Multiply.

[Kansas City Star.]

A wonderful case of vegetable growth and multiplication in human flesh, that has attracted the attention of many of the most prominent physicians in the land is to be found in the town of Olathe, a few miles south of this city, on the Fort Scott road. Having heard that there was a lady in that city who had a species of the cactus plant growing out of her body, the result of an accident which lodged a few of the briars in her hand, an Evening Star reporter visited the little town yesterday and devoted the day to an investigation of what appeared to be an improbable story.

Knocking at the door of a pretty little residence on a street in the rear of the Asylum for Deaf Mutes, the reporter was met by the lady of whom he was in search, Mrs. Burnett. Mrs. Burnett is the wife of a well-to-do and prominent citizen of Olathe, and her son is a councilman in Armourdale, Kansas City's suburb.

When she learned that her visit was in search of information concerning her wonderful case, she indicated her willingness to cheerfully give its history. "About five years ago," she began, "I was changing the position of a flower-pot containing a cactus plant, when it fell, and in saving it I touched the plant and got four of the briars, not larger than needle-points, under the nail of the little finger on my right hand. I thought nothing of it at the time, but in a few days my finger grew stiff, and in a few weeks I lost the use of my hand entirely. It was in August that I got the briars in my finger, and some time during the next spring, after a winter of terrible suffering with my arm, which, like my hand, had become paralyzed, cactus briars began to grow out of my hand and arm. During that summer I picked out of my right hand and arm thousands of cactus briars, although only four had entered when the accident happened. I did not wait for them to grow out. I took a needle and for months and years did nothing but cut and pick the cactus off my hand and arm. At one time I had cut out enough cactus this way to cover my apron-front completely. In spite of my picking the plant continued to grow and multiply, until my system was full of cactus. I was fairly bristling with the prickly briars, which began making their appearance in my back and shoulders. Finally one day I felt a peculiar stinging sensation in my feet, and examining them I found that the cactus was beginning to sprout out of my heels. I waited until it made its appearance above the skin, and then, as in other instances, I began to cut it out. During these years, for the plant has been constantly making its appearance in the past five years, I have suffered frightfully. I became broken down in health and was unable to sleep. If I attempted to retire it seemed as though the bed were made of needles standing on end. I have walked my room for nights with my body fairly tingling from the effect of the terrible plant that was multiplying and growing within me."

"But you certainly sought the advice of a physician?" interrupted the reporter.

"Neither money nor time were spared in our attempts to effect a cure, or at least relief, for it was fast killing me."

"I consulted some of the local physicians. They laughed at the cactus theory until they saw its subsequent growth. They told me that vegetable life could not multiply or grow in human flesh. I began to travel, consulting many of the best physicians in the country. They were convinced of the nature of the trouble, but were unable to suggest the proper remedy. Some of them were in favor of burning the plant with acid. I tried this until it threatened to kill me, and then abandoned it. After the first year my health was so broken down by the ravages of the awful plant that I only lived by constant tonics. It was a struggle for life, and for years the cactus had the upper hand. Finally I found an old physician in Michigan who recommended the use of an electric battery. This device saved my life. By running the sponges over my body I killed the plant wherever it was near the surface. There are two currents in these batteries, the invigorating, or tonic, and the depleting. For the benefit of any other poor sufferer, remember that it is the depleting current of one of these batteries that saves, and that alone."

"Did it cure you completely?"

"Oh, no. Only yesterday I picked some cactus out of my hand, and there is more coming, but it is coming in smaller quantities all the time. I think it has been killed by the electricity, or has naturally exhausted itself in my system. I am regaining the use of my arm, and for the first time in five years, and I feel as though my escape from death had been narrow."

"Did you ever hear of any other similar case?"

"Only one, and that was a man who stepped into a cactus bed in his bare feet. In a few weeks his limbs resembled enormous cactus stems, and it became necessary to amputate them. He died soon after the operation was performed. But the deadly character of the cactus is well known among Western cattle-raisers. Annually it kills thousands of horses, cows and sheep. They touch it with their tongues, and in a few days they are living, moving cactus plants, so rapidly it grows. It is always fatal in case of animals."

"Is it necessary to get the briars in the flesh to cause the bad results?"

"Yes, and it's only during the month of August, when the plant is seedling, that its briars will come off. Unless it is touched just at this period it is not so dangerous. One of the most wonderful features of the plant is the fact that it is almost indestructible. My husband dug up our cactus plants and let them lay in the sun away from any earth for months, and even then they began to grow and flourish without a particle of earth to draw from. He then placed them in an old brush-heap and burned the entire pile, cactus and all, but the cactus was ready to take root and grow as soon as the fire subsided. This power of vitality they have is the secret of their growth in human flesh, where no other plant can live."

Impossible as this case may appear, there is absolutely no doubt of the genuineness. Mr. and Mrs. Burnett are old and respected citizens of Olathe, and by calling at their home the skeptic can readily convince himself.

In anger flow her agile jaws, and cover words dashed from her tongue; the male was fighting mad, because the couldn't make her tongue stay long.—Semi-Weekly South State.

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J. W. EDDY.

I have used Van's Magic Oil for Neuralgia, and it has proved to be satisfactory, as it has cured me entirely; also our next door neighbor was cured by it. Joshua Kieft, by internal use for Sore Throat, combined with a severe Cough and Hoarseness; also a man by the name of Stoffel Kwantens was cured by it of a very severe Lame back. I can never say too much in praise of your Magic Oil. Grand Haven, April 25, 1884. Yours truly, JACOB DUSPOLDER.

We have used your Magic Oil for several years, and would not like to be without it, as it is a good family medicine, viz: Burns, Bruises, Sore Throat, Colds, etc., hence I truly recommend it to the public. REV. E. VANDERKILDE, Patterson, N. J., Feb. 11, 1884.

Muskegon, Mich. We have used your Magic Oil with great satisfaction. One of our children was taken sick with (so-called) diphtheria. Of course we employed a doctor, but the child grew worse every day. One morning the doctor called with four more of his profession; and consulted. If the child would be alive in the evening they were to open the child's throat and cut the phlegm out. This I did not approve of, but as there was no hope of the child's recovery, I consented. Finally our neighbor, Mrs. F. Vanderwerp, called with a bottle of your Magic Oil, and asked if we would use it—it would cost us nothing. We gave the child three or five drops internally every hour, and poulticed the soles of its feet with onion, and bathed its throat well with Magic Oil, and when the doctor came in the evening he wanted to know what we had given the child, as it breathed so much easier. I told him we used Van's Magic Oil. He said keep right on using it as that was better than he could do. I have thanked Mrs. Vanderwerp a thousand times for her kindness, and I sincerely thank you for your valuable medicine. Yours truly, MRS. A. D. PAIN.

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## RAILROAD TIME TABLES

Grand Rapids &amp; Indiana.

GOING NORTH.

Station	Arrive	Leave
Petoskey & Mackinac Ex.	8:45 pm	9:30 pm
Chippewa & Mackinac Ex.	9:30 am	10:25 am
Pt. Wayne & Grand Rapids Ex.	9:35 am	10:25 am
Grand Rapids & Cadillac Ex.	9:40 am	10:30 am

GOING SOUTH.

Station	Arrive	Leave
Cincinnati Ex.	7:50 am	8:45 am
Mackinac & Cincinnati Ex.	8:45 am	9:30 am
Mackinac & Pt. Wayne Ex.	10:25 am	11:45 am
Cadillac & Grand Rapids Ex.	9:40 am	10:30 am

All trains daily except Sunday.

SLEEPING CAR ARRANGEMENTS.

NORTH.—Train leaving at 9:30 p. m. has Woodruff Sleeping Car for Petoskey and Mackinac City. Train leaving at 10:25 a. m. has Chair Car for Traverse City.

SOUTH.—Train leaving at 8:45 p. m. has Woodruff Sleeping Car for Cincinnati.

Through tickets can be obtained at Union Ticket Office, corner Monroe and Ottawa Streets, and at Union Depot.

C. L. LOCKWOOD, Gen'l Pass. Agt.

## Detroit, Grand Haven &amp; Milwaukee GOING WEST.

Station	Arrive	Leave
Through Express	12:40 pm	12:55 pm
Through Mail	5:30 pm	5:45 pm
Steamboat Express	8:50 pm	9:05 pm
Mixed	9:30 am	9:45 am
Night Express	5:30 am	5:45 am

GOING EAST.

Station	Arrive	Leave
Through Express	10:40 am	10:55 am
Limited Express	3:25 pm	3:45 pm
Atlantic Express	9:45 pm	10:05 pm
Mixed with coach	10:30 am	10:45 am

Daily, Sundays excepted. Daily.

Passengers taking the 6:30 a. m. Express make close connections at Owosso for Lansing, and at Detroit for New York, arriving there at 10:00 a. m. the following morning.

Night Express has local Sleeping Car Detroit to Grand Rapids.

This is the only line running Atlantic Express leaving here at 10:45 p. m., with Sleeping Car to Detroit, making direct connections for all points East, arriving at New York 7 a. m. the second morning.

Parlor Cars on mail trains both east and west.

The train leaving at 8:45 p. m. will make direct connection with Milwaukee steamers daily, except Sunday.

Through tickets secured at D. G. H. &amp; M. office in Morton House block, and at the depot.

D. POTTER, City Pass. Agent.

GEO. B. REEVE, Traffic Manager, Chicago.

## Lake Shore &amp; Michigan Southern (KALAMAZOO DIVISION.)

Station	Arrive	Leave
Express	7:40 am	8:45 am
Mail	9:35 am	10:40 am

All trains daily except Sunday.

The train leaving at 4 p. m. connects at White Pigeon with Atlantic Express to Main Line, which has Palace Drawing Room Sleeping Coaches from Chicago to New York and Boston without change.

The train leaving at 7:35 a. m. connects at White Pigeon (giving one hour for dinner) with special New York Express on Main Line.

Through tickets and berths in Sleeping Car can be secured at Union Ticket Office, 57 Moore Street, and Depot.

All trains will run by 90th meridian time, which is 30 minutes slower than Detroit time.

J. W. MCKENNEY, Gen'l Agt.

## Michigan Central. (GRAND RAPIDS DIVISION.)

Station	Arrive	Leave
Detroit Ex.	7:40 am	8:45 am
Day Express	12:45 pm	1:50 pm
N. Y. Express	6:50 pm	8:00 pm
Atlantic Ex.	9:20 pm	10:30 pm
Way Freight	9:25 am	10:35 am
Way Freight	9:25 am	10:35 am

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## Chicago &amp; West Michigan.

Station	Arrive	Leave
Mail	7:45 am	8:50 am
Day Express	11:25 pm	12:30 pm
Night Express	9:25 pm	10:30 pm
Mail	4:07 pm	5:10 pm

Daily. Trains except Sundays.